



RBA:
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a second amendment to the professional services agreement with LONGARO AND CLARK, L P , Austin, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$36,300 00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$370,362 37 to provide project management services related to the construction of infrastructure improvements at the Montopolis Frontier at Montana subdivision

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact A fiscal note is not required

REQUESTING **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: Austin Housing Finance Corporation **AUTHORIZATION: ____**

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PRIOR BOARD ACTION: RBA approved November 3, 2005

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

Approval of this amendment will authorize an increase of \$36,300 00 for engineering services with Longaro & Clark, L P to fund additional construction management services at Frontier at Montana subdivision, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$370,362 37

These additional services were required primarily because Texas Gas Services had to lower an existing natural gas pipeline at the intersection of Lawrence and Montana Streets, which required the subdivision's engineering work to be divided into three phases. Additionally, unanticipated engineering and surveying costs were incurred in the production of a Letter of Map Amendment that was necessitated by the pending issuance of new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood plain maps

Background Austin Housing Finance Corporation entered into contract with Longaro & Clark, L P on May 25, 2004 to provide engineering design services for the Montopolis Frontier at Montana Subdivision. The engineering design services provided for infrastructure improvements including land preparation, utility installation, storm water containment and street, curb, gutter and sidewalk construction. The infrastructure construction provided for 81 lots in the subdivision. The original contract provided for construction management services during the construction phase of the contract, but did not set an amount for those services. The Board

approved an increase in the contract on November 3, 2005 in the amount of \$44,150.40 for construction management services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$334,062.37

The Montopolis Frontier at Montana Subdivision is located on 19 plus acres of land off Frontier Valley Drive. To date, Habitat for Humanity has built 18 homes, has three homes under construction and has purchased nine additional lots for pending construction. Further, Austin Housing Finance Corporation has built 10 single story homes, has 10 two-story homes under construction and is preparing to solicit bids for 10 additional single-story homes in the subdivision. The constructed homes will be sold to homebuyers earning less than 80 percent of the Austin Median Family Income (MFI – currently \$56,900 for a family of four). The Montopolis Frontier at Montana Subdivision is an initiative to increase home ownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families living in a neighborhood facing significant gentrification pressures.